

# THORNBOROUGH INFANT SCHOOL



## School Travel Plan Policy

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## Thornborough Infant School Travel Policy

We actively encourage our pupils, staff and volunteers to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from.

### What we do

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website <https://www.thornborough.bucks.sch.uk>
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or scoot for the journey to school
- To support this we provide:
  - Balanceability
  - Footsteps Pedestrian training
  - Cycle and Scooter parking
- Local school trips are made on foot, if the destination is close by.
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before their child starts at our school.

### What we ask of parents

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Consider providing a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school.

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
  - We have a 10 minute walk zone
  - We have a 5 minute walk zone with a park & stride site at the Chapel
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents
- It is not acceptable to park or wait across residential driveways for any period of time, or, leave the car engine running.

The decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent/carer to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

## What we ask of pupils

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Consider using a lock for your bike or scooter and that you know how to use it.

**Thornborough Infant School**

about 10 minutes walk

5 minutes walk

**THORNBOROUGH**

Cricket Pavilion and Pre School

Thornborough Infant School

Church

Village Hall

Chapel

Pub

Playground

**KEY**

- School entrance
- P Parking
- PA Park & Stride
- Rural Request Bus Stop
- Public right of way

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Good reasons to walk, cycle and scoot to school

- Better health
- Improved concentration on work
- Social time with family and friends
- Less pollution around the school
- Save money on fuel costs
- More awareness of road safety
- Interaction with the local community
- Improves overall mood
- Reduces stress
- Can be fun!

**The Big Pedal**

Every year we take part in this national scheme to encourage families to cycle or scoot safely to and from school. Over the two week event we count the number of children cycling and scooting and upload the results, joining hundreds of other schools around the country in **The Big Pedal Challenge.**